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REFERENCE TO: MISSION 1108 CHINESE MILITARY ACTIVITY  
CHENPAO ISLAND SKIRMISH AREA  
CHINA  
46-29N 133-51E

1. SIGNIFICANCE: THIS BOARD DEPICTS CONSTRUCTION OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS  
JUST WEST OF CHENPAO (DAMANSKY) ISLAND CHINA.
2. LOCATION: VICINITY OF CHENPAO (DAMANSKY) ISLAND 46-29N  
133-51E.
3. BACKGROUND: ON 2 AND 15 MARCH 1969, THE CHINESE AND SOVIETS  
ENGAGED IN AN ARMED CONFLICT ON CHENPAO ISLAND.  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND  
STRONGPOINTS BY THE CHINESE CORRESPONDS TO OTHER  
RECENT MILITARY MOVEMENTS IN NORTHERN AND  
WESTERN CHINA.
4. MISSION READOUT: THIS MISSION REVEALS THE CHINESE HAVE CONSTRUCTED  
HEAVY MACHINEGUN (HMG) AAA POSITIONS, DEFENSIVE LINES, STRONG POINTS, PROBABLE  
MORTAR POSITIONS, POSSIBLE VEHICLE REVETMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS/PERSONNEL  
TRENCHES AND NEW ROADS IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY NINE NAUTICAL MILES (NM)  
SQUARE JUST WEST OF CHENPAO (DAMANSKY) ISLAND.

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AT LEAST EIGHT HMG AAA POSITIONS ARE OBSERVED IN THIS GENERAL AREA, THREE OF WHICH ARE LOCATED ABOUT NINE NM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF THE KUNGSSU BORDER SECURITY STATION (46-27-30N 133-50-10E).

A LARGE HILL, LOCATED 3.8 NM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF THE BORDER SECURITY STATION IS OBSERVED WITH A DEFENSIVE LINE AND STRONG POINTS ALONG THE RIDGE LINE. A POSSIBLE COMMUNICATIONS TRENCH WITH PROBABLE REVEITEMENTS IS LOCATED JUST NORTH OF AND BEHIND THE RIDGE. ALSO, TWO HMG AAA POSITIONS ARE OBSERVED ON THE WEST AND SOUTH EDGE OF THE HILL. TWO SUPPLY POINTS ARE LOCATED ON A ROAD RUNNING NORTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE BASE OF THE HILL.

THERE ARE AT LEAST EIGHT OTHER DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH REVEITEMENTS SITUATED THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

THREE NEW ROADS SERVE THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS IN THE GENERAL AREA.

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ENLARGEMENT:            BASE 10X      INSET 20X

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